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Parma officials urge driver safety at new school year

PARMA, Ohio – Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter and Police Chief Joe Bobak urge area motorists to drive with extra caution at the beginning of this new school year.

"It's always important to remember driver safety," Mayor DeGeeter said, "but now that schools are back in session, we should all remember to be especially watchful and careful. School buses are back on the road and students will be crossing streets while walking to and from their schools."

During the first few weeks of school, it is critically important that motorists keep an extra eye out for kids unused to traffic and who might dart out into the street. Also, motorists are urged to be aware that crossing guards will be escorting children across streets. The beginning of a school year means buses will be out on the streets, and motorists should allow extra time in the mornings and also in the afternoons when schools are letting out for the day.

"We should all be careful while driving anyway, at all times," Mayor DeGeeter said. "Safety is our number one priority. We want everyone – teachers, students, administrators, parents – to have a safe and productive school year."